



THE BLOWHARD

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A solid project for the winter period.

A unit load of logs has been purchased to sell as firewood. Apart from raising funds it will keep some club members active in what is normally a quieter period of the year. The wood has been all been ringed with a small amount left to split.



What's on Calendar

Meetings

Board July 8th

Dinner/AGM Jul 22nd

VP meetings?

Events

Malvern Challenge August

Projects

Firewood

July Duties

1. J. Olorenshaw
2. C.Simes
3. D. Free

(VPs Will have phone lists)

If unable to undertake duties on specified dates it is your responsibility to find a substitute

Service Hours

To Secretary by 25th of Month

"We will either find a way, or make one"



From the President's Desk

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL CHANGE OVER REPORT JUNE 2021

Thank you all for coming. I would like to give you a brief outline of our objectives and what we wanted to achieve for the year.

First we wanted more public awareness of what we as Lions are about. To do this we meet with Dan Gordan and some of his team.

We meet with clubs and groups in the area with the question of 'how can we work alongside of you to be of benefit for us all'. This will I feel will be an ongoing work in progress. We have prolonged contact with the schools in the area being Oxford, View Hill, West Eyreton and Cust these contacts can only get stronger. I say a big thank you to all those from the schools who were involved throughout the year.

New projects: We came out of Covid 19 lock down thinking what can we do to help lift people's spirits. We started with the mental awareness night. Doug Avery and Richard Lowe made it a good night but it could not have happened without the support of sponsors involved, plus the support of members.

The next event was "The Big Fun Day "held at the A&P Show grounds. This was a ground breaking event for us.



There was a lot of work that went into the organising and running of it. We held the Event Program that ran from 10am until 3pm in the afternoon. When we look at the clubs and the organisation that took part it was very much appreciated. The weather turned on a beautiful sunny day.

I am not going to name all those groups involved, but with everyone's support and suggestions this event will only grow Bigger and Better.

The next new event was the "Wheels and Wings" that was run at Dave McPherson's airstrip. The community centre assisted in the running of this event. It proved a success so we feel we should run it as a regular event. The caravan has been out more than a dozen times this year. The furthest it has travelled was Castle Hill. It went to the Waimakiriri Bridge for the "Coast to Coast". The A&P Show and The Big Fun Day were all huge days. These days take a lot of organising with stocking produce and getting to the sight there and back, plus cleaning the

caravan afterwards, Wayne Youngman does a fabulous job in this regard.

This year so far we have cut and split 45 ton of firewood, some of it given to the needy and some to be sold. This year following on from an idea of Neville Major Johnson we got into growing vegetables. These were grown, harvested and then given to Satisfy Food Rescue for distribution.

The distributed vegetables were new potatoes for Christmas, corn, Zucchini's and pumpkins, the main vegetable was potatoes. Barry Frost preserved beetroot this produce was all grown without the use of chemicals. The weeding and harvesting was in some cases a family event. We have given away 11,092.61kgs of produce with a conservative value of over \$30,000.

This project has received national recognition. The Lions New Zealand giving us Project of The Year. It now goes onto the finals in the constitutional area of Australia, Indonesia, New Caledonia, and New Zealand. I am extremely proud of our members for their efforts as they have all contributed in some way towards this project. We have more ground put aside for the coming season so I see it as an ongoing exercise.

The Golf Tournament was once again well supported this year, both with sponsors and players. We extended the Charity Auction with some support from other areas. The result was very pleasing with finances going to the Men's Shed and Diabetes Youth Canterbury. A fantastic turnout of members, and everyone had a great day.

The Coast to Coast was another long day under the Waimak Bridge with the caravan in use; it was probably the

Lions International have a sponsor who donates on a criterion based of the hours worked and money made. This year the amount given, because of our efforts was \$23,350.00 US dollars. It is \$10,000.00 more in the bank than we had last year.

I would also like to say thank you to my wife Nan for her help.

It is a privilege to be President of such a fantastic group of people and I am extremely proud of all the work that you have all contributed to throughout this year. It is very much appreciated We are all part of the best TOWN IN THE COUNTRY..... OXFORD



A busy morning



Photos courtesy of Sue King





Change over
2021





The new board



Lions Clubs International
Across the Ditch

LIONS HELP SHARE THE WARMTH

- The Chronicle
- 8 Jun 2021



Picture: Kevin Farmer

GIFT OF WARMTH: The Share the Warmth Appeal supporters (from left) Ian Scarborough and Eliane Nosse of Lions Club of Toowoomba West, Tiesh Cundell of Bendigo Bank, Phil Coorey of LJ Hooker and Merv Symons of the Lions Club of Toowoomba West.

THE Lions Club of Toowoomba West and staff from Bendigo Bank presented Lifeline Darling Downs with more than 90 blankets to help share the warmth with those doing it tough this winter.

Purchased as a result of a Bendigo Bank Charitable Fund grant, this donation to the organisation's Share the Warmth Winter Appeal will ensure that blankets are available to anyone who needs them.

"Our Lions motto 'We Serve' fits into this project nicely, and providing the blankets will help those who have fallen on tough times and also those less fortunate than ourselves during this colder weather," project chairman Lion Merv Symons said.

Share the Warmth urges the community to donate blankets, food or funds, with all donations received used to help feed those who are in need.

Currently there is a need in our area for blankets. If you have any clean blankets that are no longer required, if you would like to donate them, you can either bring them to the July Dinner meeting or drop them in at the Community Trust or failing that give me a call and I will come and collect them.

Thanks

Dave H



You left this on your plate
and then walked away. I
saved it from getting cold
or falling on the floor.

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"First you buy me a new coat and now
a trip to Lion Safari Park. What's got
into you lately?"



I'm
Done

Food Project

Total Donated 11,092.61kg

Total Pumpkins 1543.78kg



SAFETY AT WORK

Sometimes it's really important!



Wayne Y with style

